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Guard Teams to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -DoD announced plans in January for 17 more Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, bringing the total nationwide to 27.

The teams, originally called RAID (Rapid Assessment and Detection) teams, would deploy and assist responders first in the event of a weapons of mass destruction incident, said Charles Cragin, principle deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

The federal government will train, equip and develop doctrine for the teams, Cragin said. The teams will always work in support of civilian agencies and unless federalized will remain under the control of the governors of the host state.

The new teams will be based in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Virginia. They will come on line in 2001 between March and July.

The first 10 designated teams are completing training and are scheduled to come on line in April 2000 in Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, California, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and **Washington**.

The teams "work collaboratively with local and state providers first," Cragin said. "The teams consist of 22 full-time members of the Army or Air National Guard. The personnel selected for these additional teams will undergo 15 months of rigorous individual and unit training and then will be evaluated for operational certification."

This is the second phase of an initiative

started in fiscal year 1998. "Defense Secretary William Cohen was apprised by first responders in many communities that one bit of expertise they needed was the technical expertise to identify and assess particular chemical or biological agents that may be the instrument of a terrorist attack," Cragin said. These teams give local officials that capability.

The units have two major pieces of equipment: a mobile analytical lab and a mobile communications facility. The first allows the teams to identify chemical and biological agents in the field. The second allows the team to coordinate communications among the first responders and all other areas.

"If they need information from a medical laboratory, they can connect from the van," Cragin said. The team's communications capability also allows all local, state and federal authorities to speak to each other.

While the 27 teams will be based in 26 states —California will have two teams — local agreements will allow the teams to work across the state lines. So, for example, the New York team could answer a call in Connecticut and the Illinois team could work in Wisconsin.



DoD Helps Hometown USA Confront Terrorism

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

Until Timothy McVeigh detonated a 5,000-pound truck bomb in Oklahoma City in 1995, most Americans probably believed terrorist attacks only happened on foreign soil.

Yes, there'd been an earlier blast at New York's World Trade Center in 1993, but since no one was killed, it didn't hit home with the same impact. The brutal deaths of 168 innocent men, women and children in Oklahoma City woke up America.

Up until 1995, the American public generally seemed to accept terrorism as a common occurrence - in other countries.

Kidnappings, hijackings, machine gun slayings, car bombs and suicide bombers had taken their toll on the world stage for years. With a few exceptions — the 1993 bombing at New York's World Trade Center, the 1980 blast at the Statue of Liberty and the 1975 blast at La Guardia Airport — terrorist attacks happened outside the United States.

It is now clear that the U.S. is vulnerable — but whose job is it to counter the threat? Traditionally, people see the active duty forces deployed abroad for foreign contingencies and supported by the National Guard and Reserve. In the case of domestic terrorism, the National Guard and Reservists would be on the front lines, supported by the active duty components.

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Arranging Official Travel

By Lt. Col. Nicki Thiot

I would like to remind our members that they must arrange for official travel through our Traffic Management Office (TMO). Also, members cannot use their Government Travel Card to pay for official travel unless it's to attend Inactive Duty Training (UTA) or there are unusual circumstances.

In accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) paragraph U3120-A and the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), paragraph C2207-A when making travel arrangements, we are required to use:

*A Commercial Travel Office (CTO), which is defined as a commercial activity providing a full range of commercial travel/ticketing services at a Government installation under contract and/or memorandum of understanding (i.e. MANASSAS Travel).

*In-house travel offices.

*General Services Administration (GSA)

*Travel Management Centers (TMC).

The traveler is not authorized reimbursement if travel arrangements are made any other way but those authorized in paragraph U3120-A of the JFTR and paragraph C2207-A of the JTR. The reality is, emergencies and problems (unusual circumstances) do

arise. A non-contract travel agent may be used when there are no alternatives. It must be demonstrated that the use of a contract CTO was attempted. However, these are extremely rare situations and very hard to prove. The following are examples that the Defense Office of Hearing and Appeals (DOHA) has ruled as **NOT** being unusual circumstances:

*Member was told by another member that they could be reimbursed

*Orders stated member could purchase tickets from a CTO, not under government contract or an airline company without authorization through TMO

*Member was going on leave in conjunction with a Temporary Duty assignment (TDY)

*Member was unaware of the requirement to use a CTO under government contract

*Member orders were prepared late and he/she didn't think they would have had time to obtain tickets if they had waited to use an approved facility

*Member was unaware of the existence of a CTO under government contract in the area.

*Member had always been reimbursed in the past and was unaware of the regulatory requirement.

*Member was trying to lessen the cost to the government.

Our official travel is arranged through the 141st Logistics Squadron Traffic Management Office (141LS/LGTT/TMO) at 247-7780/1. They, in turn, book our travel through the CTO under government contract for official travel at Fairchild AFB, MANASSAS Travel.

Finance Management Office Reorganizes

By Lt. Col. Nicki Thiot

As we move into the future so does the structure of our functional areas within the Air National Guard. Due to a national reorganization that was implemented on January 1, the 141 Finance Management Office looks different.

We gained a position to manage the multiple financial systems we now work with. MSgt. Kellie LaRue is in this new position as our Financial Systems Computer

Analyst managing the bevy of financial programs we work with on a daily basis.

We also reduced from two supervisors to one. TSgt. Laura Schultz moved into this consolidated position and is now our Supervisory Financial Technician over both Accounting and Pay.

All other personnel continue to perform their same functions in an outstanding manner serving your financial needs.

The mission of the *Jet Gazette* is to effectively communicate events and information of the 141st Air Refueling Wing to unit members, their families and retirees and to recognize personal and unit achievements within the wing.



Bug of the month: Yellow fever

By Maj. Barry Pisko
Infection Control Officer

The bug of the month is no other than the infamous yellow fever virus. It is an arbovirus which means arthropod borne. Arthropods are members of the insect family including ticks. Although a number of serious human diseases are caused by such viruses, no disease is evident in the arthropods that serve as vectors.

Yellow fever is historically important because it was the first such virus discovered and provided first confirmation that an insect could transmit a virus. The yellow fever virus is injected into the skin by the mosquito. The virus spreads to local lymph nodes, where it multiplies; from the lymph nodes it advances to the liver, spleen, kidney and heart. In the early stages of the disease the person may experience fever, chills, headache and backache, followed by nausea and vomiting. This stage is followed by jaundice as a result from liver damage. Hence, the term "yellow" fever came into being. Pretty tricky, huh?

Yellow fever is still epidemic in many tropical areas such as Central America, tropical South America and Africa. Monkeys are a natural reservoir for the virus. Immunization and localized control of the mosquito vector are the best ways to control outbreaks. The vaccine yields a very effective immunity with very few side effects. There, now you can explain to fellow guardmembers why the yellow fever vaccine is so important.

FACTS

In 1899, the U.S. Army had 300,000 soldiers. In 1999, there were 469,899. In 1899, there were 16,354 sailors. In 1999, there were 366,427. In 1899, there were 3,142 Marines. Today there are 171,046. There was no Air Force in 1899, because no one had flown. Today, the service has 362,546 airmen.



Members of the 141st SFS recently deployed to Turkey.

Talking Turkey

By SSgt. Wes Walton

Located roughly between Southeastern Europe and Asia covering a land mass of 779,452 square kilometers, a little smaller than Texas and Louisiana combined, lies one of the most favored deployment spots for the 141st ARW —Turkey.

Recently, members from our very own 141 SFS had the honor of deploying in direct support of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force mission. Two groups deployed between the months of October and December.

Besides taking opportunities to conduct field training, the 141 SFS worked alongside

fellow active duty members from the 39th SFS stationed at Incirlik AB near Adana. Our troops shared responsibilities for guarding flightline assets.

TSgt. Dave Thornburg, (he's the hulking figure on the right in the above photo) is a Spokane County Deputy Sheriff who is certified to perform field sobriety tests. He was asked by Lt. Col. Kenneth Conover, commander of the 39th SFS, to certify members in his squadron to better protect the roadways at Incirlik AB against drunk drivers. Thornburg was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his assistance.

Ribbon Cutting

With Lt. Col. Dave Avenell standing by, U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Spokane, Brig. Gen. Jim McDevitt and MSgt. Mike Parmenter cut the ribbon upon the completion of the three newly expanded hangars of the 141 ARW and drive-through aircraft



parking capabilities. The hangar space of the wing was expanded from 79,000 square feet to 122,000 square feet enhancing the aircraft mechanics' ability to provide heavy maintenance during unfavorable weather conditions at Fairchild AFB. Previously, only two-thirds of the tanker aircraft fit inside the hangar for maintenance. Maintenance specialists now have the ability to work in a climate-controlled environment on flight controls including the horizontal stabilizer, rudder and elevator as well as the entire refueling boom. Also, if the hangars aren't needed for maintenance, aircraft can be stored out of the cold in flight preparation eliminating the need to de-ice the flight controls. Electric roll-up doors have also been added as a safety feature. The new doors don't need manual labor to open, nor is there any ice build-up in the winter.

Meet the First Sergeants of the 141 ARW

By Maj. Kay Steward

MSgt. Billy Bowen has been a first sergeant for four years. He has 20 years service in the military with 17 in the 141st.

Duties: "I feel it is my duty to act as a liaison between enlisted troops and the commander."

Accomplishments as first sergeant: "I have developed a continuity between enlisted troops and the senior staff in logistics and to enhance the attitude of professionalism by pushing PME and making individuals understand how important that is to their career, not only for promotion but for personal growth. I try to let everyone know how valuable they are to the organization."

Unfinished business: "I would like to see more involvement in community affairs. We do a good job now but I think we can do more. Also, I would like to see more equity for individuals to deploy. I see the same people getting the same opportunities with others being left out of the loop. One of the reasons people join is to perform duties in a worldwide situation."



*MSgt. Billy Bowen
141 Logistics Squadron*

ground and recognizing an individual doing a good job. I haven't met anyone that does their job for any other reason than because they simply want to do a good job. There are always plenty of volunteers when you need them. People go the extra mile."

Unfinished business: "I would like to put together a first sergeant's kit for deployments to meet the general needs while away from home."



*MSgt. Wayne Terry
141 Support Gp*

MSgt. Wayne Terry has been the first sergeant for the Support Group for six years. He has 30

years of military service, with 29 in the 141st.

Duties: "My first duty is to look after the people. I make sure they are cared for and

their needs are met. I keep the continuity between the commander and the enlisted and inform the commander of the morale and status of the unit."

Achievements: "A lot is intangible. I work hard at building relationships. Some of my best accomplishments are personal to the members and can't be disclosed. I like being there and filling the void where needed. Being asked to speak on behalf of the ANG and Air Force at public events and for patriotic holidays has been especially rewarding."

Unfinished business: "I would like to see that the first sergeant can get promoted beyond MSgt. It takes time to become valuable to a unit as the first sergeant and then to get promoted you must leave the position forcing the unit to start all over again to develop the trust and confidence with a new first sergeant. One thing I have already accomplished at the national level is having a separate ANG first sergeant school from the active duty, tailoring the requirements to the ANG in a two-week course instead of four."

TSgt. Art Miller has been the first sergeant for the 141 Civil Engineering Squadron since this past fall. He has 18 years of military service with the past eight in the 141st.

Duties: "People. I'm a veteran of both the Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War. I was led into combat as a junior troop and have led others into combat as a senior member. During my combat experiences I saw a



*TSgt. Art Miller
141 CES*

tremendous amount of suffering in combat situations. I've seen up front what combat affects - welfare, morale, esprit de corps. Therefore, the duties of first sergeant,

mainly the discipline and welfare of the troops, is my furthestmost goal. Taking care of the people in both happy and sad times."

Achievements: "To build a close relationship between command and subordinates. I view the first sergeant as the adhesive between the two."

Unfinished business: "To provide a continuum for the next first sergeant and to be able to mentor my replacement to better carry on the mission of the squadron. Also, to improve the process of communication between command staff and the troops. It's important to me to be remembered as putting the welfare of the troops as number one."



*MSgt. Roger Potter
141 MXS*

MSgt. Roger Potter has been a first sergeant for three and a half years. He has 22 years in the military, all with the 141st ARW.

Duties: "Morale is a big part. Just being helpful to

both the commander and the members. Getting to know everyone and trying to help everyone with anything they need. The people in the ANG are quite mature so there aren't that many problem issues."

Accomplishments as first sergeant: "It's hard to say, just doing things as they come up. Helping Family Support get off the

MSgt. Sue Conard has been the first sergeant for the 141 SFS for a couple months. She has 15

years of military service, with the past three in the 141st.

Duties: "I work

for the people and the commander. One of the troops told me that I'm Switzerland — neutral. I carry out the commander's policies and any time people need help with any personnel issues I will be there to resolve the issues."

Achievements: "I have not been to the first sergeant school yet, but I'm learning the job and what people expect from me and I'm relying on their feedback."



*MSgt. Sue Conard
141 SFS*

First Sergeant is Key to the Order and Discipline of the Troops

Photos by TSgt. Bob Harris and
SSgt. Dave Andersen

The Prussians and later the Germans called them the Hauptfeldwebel or Feldwebel for short. The French referred to them as sergeant majors and the British had company sergeant majors. And the United States Army called them first sergeants.

No matter what successful army they came from their duties were almost identical — administrators, trainers, enforcers of standards and discipline. The first sergeant has always held a highly visible, distinctive and sometimes notorious position.

According to the USAF First Sergeant's Academy Book, when General George Washington began organizing the American Army he relied heavily on the talents of General Baron Von Steuben who outlined the duties of such NCO's as Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant and Company First Sergeant. It was the Company First Sergeant's role that he directed most of his attention. This noncommissioned officer, who was chosen by the officers of the

company, was at the central core of the company and the disciplinarian of the unit.

The conduct of the troops, their exactness in obeying orders and the regularity of their manners would depend on the first sergeant's vigilance and therefore he must be "intimately acquainted with the character of every soldier in the company and should take great pains to impress upon their minds the indispensable necessity of the strictest obedience as the foundation of order and regularity."

The role of the first sergeant in today's Air Force is one that is time honored and rich in custom and tradition. First sergeants are charged with representing the interests of enlisted personnel to the unit ensuring that all members observe Air Force standards, command and unit policies and institutional values. They work directly with the commander, supervisors and unit members to ensure discipline is equitably maintained and the welfare, morale and health needs of the enlisted force are met.

plans and patient care. You have to be a people person because the duties often extend beyond the duty hours."

Achievements: "Creating a newcomer briefing plan, ensuring a military and medical culture. I'm trying to develop a junior volunteer program."

Unfinished business: "To continue to improve as an advocate between the enlisted and the commander and deal with the intermediary issues."



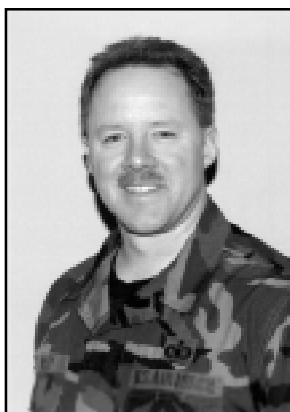
MSgt. Jeff Barker has been the first sergeant of the wing staff for two years. He has 17 years of military service with the 141st.

Duties:

"Every weekend is a little

MSgt. Jeff Barker
Wing Staff

Unfinished business: "I would like to know the ANG support system well enough to be able to refer my troops to the right agency or to help implement systems that would emulate the active duty, such as the Air Force Aid Society. The active duty has different benefits available and if we are pulling active duty missions we should be afforded some of the same benefits in that arena."



MSgt. Chuck Haley
141 AGS

for the best air plane fixers out there. I take that to heart. My job as first sergeant as I see it is to remove all distractions so the troops can do their jobs. Not only personal needs, but family. We had excellent family support during the activation to Budapest. We established a network and families always knew that if a problem occurred that they

were unprepared for all they have to do is call. I look out for the families so there are no distractions."

Achievements: "I've earned the trust of the troops and they come to see me when they need someone to call. That's the biggest accolade for me. They know that in good times and bad I will take care of them."

Unfinished business: "My 'yet to do's' are a living and breathing entity. I will continue to learn about the people in my unit and learn more about what is available to help them. My people are the number one issue."



MSgt. Dee Sowards
141 Clinic

Everyone is so busy and focused on their jobs they don't have time to deal with things like personnel issues, family support, family care

MSgt. Dee Sowards has been the first sergeant for the Clinic for six months. She has 18 years of military experience with the past 10 in the 141st.

Duties:

"Personnel issues mainly.

different. I don't have a set schedule. I implement policies and procedures for the commander and act as a liaison between the commander and the enlisted force. The first sergeants creed is quite broad."

Achievements: "The wing did not have a first sergeant until I was appointed for this position. We started getting the wing staff together (which was new) and presenting awards and passing on information as a group. I'm in a unique position because the technicians take care of a lot of the day-to-day work. My duties extend to the dependent care program. A lot of my time is spent getting out and visiting guardmembers. I'm there if anyone wants to open up to any problems or concerns. The ANG first sergeant is considerably different from an active duty first sergeant who are on call 24 hours a day. I've only been called once."

Unfinished business: "I'm very fortunate to have a wonderful group of individuals. I haven't experienced any on-going difficulties, I have it pretty easy. I haven't had some of the other problems and concerns some of the other first sergeants have had. Everyone is hard-working and prepared to do their job. It has been the best job so far. The flexibility I've been given has extended my ambition for being in the Guard."

News Briefs

- **National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW) Memorial Scholarships**

NGAW will be awarding four scholarships of \$500 each. Applicants must be a member of the National Guard and attending an accredited college, university or trade school on a full-time basis. The deadline for receiving applications by NGAW is March 15, 2000.

- **Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the U.S. (EANGUS)**

Available for National Guard members and their dependents. Only EANGUS members can apply. Awarding two scholarships for \$2000 each. The NGAW application deadline is June 15, 2000.

- **NGAW State Auxiliary and Greater Puget Sound Chapter**

Two \$500 scholarships from the State Auxiliary and one \$300 scholarship from the Puget Sound Chapter will be awarded. Available for National Guardmembers and their dependents or grandchildren. Must plan to attend accredited institution during 2000 school year at least half-time and have a minimum grade point average of 2.2. Application must be post marked no later than March 15, 2000.

- **Washington State Conditional Scholarship Program**

An advisory board will determine awards based on total number of eligible applicants. Courses must be credited toward a degree or certificate. Applicants are selected based on satisfactory participation and GPA. Applications and a raised seal transcript sent by the school needs to be at the 141 MSF/DPMT, 1403 W. Wainwright Blvd., Fairchild AFB, WA 99011, by May 1, 2000.

WSU Offers Tuition Waivers

Washington State University and the Washington National Guard have formed a partnership to provide tuition waivers for guardmembers who want to complete a college education. The program will reduce WSU tuition for recruits by \$1,500 per school year. WSU will also provide space-available housing waivers. Combined with other incentives, full-time National Guard students will be able to fund almost all of their tuition costs. Part-time students will also receive waivers of \$50 per credit hour. Recruiting efforts will begin immediately. The waiver program will be in effect beginning with the Fall 2000 school year.

USAF Senior NCO Academy

If you are an E-7 or above interested in attending the SNOA, located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, submit your application no later than May 15, 2000, to the Base Education and Training Office. Classes currently are being filled for January 2001 through October 2001.



PME/CDC Testing Schedule

The 141 Base Education and Training Office (BETO) administers PME and CDC course examinations in the testing room (Bldg 447) every UTA at 1300 on Saturdays and 0930 on Sundays. No advance appointment is required on the UTA. Testing is also conducted during the week by appointment only at 0800 on Tuesdays and 1300 on Thursday. To arrange testing please call the BETO at 247-7072/73.

4th Annual Multicultural Fair Planned

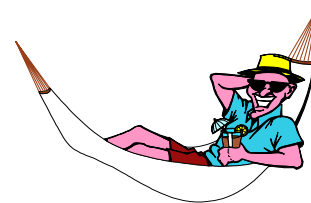
This year's multicultural fair is scheduled for May 25, 2000. Mrs. Peggy Troutt, representing the 141 ARW, will co-chair the fair with SSgt. Darrel Collier of the 92 ARW. Volunteers can call Mrs. Troutt at 247-7001 or SSgt. Collier at 247-2555.

The mission statement from last year's fair will be used again, "Bringing people together from as many diverse backgrounds as possible and provide an opportunity for us to share our cultures, as well as learn about other cultures."

Random weight checks are eliminated

The Weight and Body Fat Management Program has some significant changes. Random weight checks have been eliminated. Annual weight checks remain mandatory and will coincide as close to the annual walk/run date as possible. Commanders retain the responsibility and right to weigh and tape anyone at any time if the member does not display a proper military image.

A person who is weighed and is above the weight limit will be taped. If above the body fat percentage the individual will be entered into the new 90-day Health Improvement Period. This is a three month "grace" period. A state log letter is expected soon on the program. Until then, questions may be directed to Col. Joe Huden, DSN 323-3353.



CHEAP TRIP

The terms "cheap" and "vacation" don't often go together, but the Armed Forces Vacation Club manages the feat.

The club started Aug. 1, 1999, offering active and reserve military ID cardholders, military retirees and DoD civilians vacations in resorts around the world for \$209 per week. More than 1,000 people have used the club to date.

Mike Overfelt, vice president of Cendant Alliance Marketing, said the company has opened a club web site at www.afvclub.com to make it easier to book a condo.

To book a \$209 vacation, check the Web site and make your selections. Then call the club's toll-free number, 1-800-724-9988. Give the vacation counselor your name, the number of people traveling with you, your service and your installation. Be prepared to give at least three choices of places you want to go and the dates. Have a credit card handy.

Overseas personnel can contact the club phone number by using a "call back service" or "call back card" offered by various telecommunications companies. Basically, you buy or pre-pay for the service, dial the phone number, listen for a ring or two and hang up. You receive a call-back shortly after that completes the connection. The overseas caller pays for the call, and the rates vary.

Overfelt suggested checking the web site often because the \$209 vacations depend on availability, which change daily.

Space Available Travel Opportunities

Aircraft and crews from the 141st ARW will be refueling Navy aircraft off an aircraft carrier in the Pacific in June providing the opportunity for space available travel to Hickam AFB, Hawaii. The dates are June 2-10 and June 9-18. Sign-up for guardmembers can begin 60 days prior at Base Ops (Not ANG). Guardmembers will need a DD Form 1853 that is signed by your unit rep. For more information call 247-5435.

Promotions

Master Sgt.

William Chapman	242 CBCS
Ronald Cramer	256 CBCS
Robin Dennison	141 MXS
Kenneth Peters	141 CES

Tech. Sgt.

John Brogan III	560th Band
Troy Clason	141 SFS
Kelli Eddings	141 OSF
Michael Edmunds	141 AGS
Marion Fossum Jr.	141 CES
Michael Garneau	141 AGS
Joseph Huddleston	141 AGS
Martin Kendrex	141 AGS
Robert Kiehn	141 SFS
Douglas Klugman	141 AGS
Roger Knight	141 SFS
John Lagrone	141 AGS
Daniel Lague	141 CES
Kathryn Nelson	560th Band
Carey Phillips	141 CES
John Rancourt	141 AGS
Dale Ross	141 SFS
Eric Schaffer	141 CES
Rebecca Scherich	141 AGS
Kevin Shearer	141 LS
Gregory Thompson	141 LS
David Thurman	141 LS
John Westfall	141 MDS
Charles Wilson	141 LS

Staff Sgt.

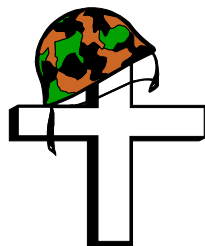
Scott Clark	560th Band
Matthew Loy	242 CBCS
John Semple	256 CBCS
Shawn Worley	242 CBCS
Glen A. Lipinski	141 MXS

Senior Airman

Kristin Buchholz	560th Band
Jason Budgeon	141 CES
Steven Churchwell	560th Band
Patrick Morgan	560th Band

Airman

Mandi Bainton	141 MDS
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**-In Memory-
Retired Colonel Ray Wilson**

New Members

December

A1C Christine Tripp	141 LS
A1C Linea Maxwell	141 LS
SSgt Derek Antolick	141 MXS
SSgt Michael Poff	141 AGS
SRA Christina Best	256 CBCS
SRA Barry Roberts	560 CBCS
A1C Steven Robinson	141 SFS
SRA Christine Glenske	141 MXS
SRA Anthony Davis	141 CF
Capt Thomas Jacob	116 ARS

January

TSgt Nina Swanson	141 MDS
SSgt Leslie Jimerson	256 CBCS
SSgt Donald Moore	242 CBCS
SRA George Loaiza	242 CBCS
SRA Patrick Landry	141 MXS
SSgt Donnie Ware	141 LS
SRA James Faso II	141 CF
SRA Andrew Biscoe	141 ARW
SRA Barbra Pittman	141 MXS
TSgt Alan Acarregui	141 MDS
A1C Jason Bartlett	256 CBCS
A1C Paulo Tabino	256 CBCS
SSgt Wayne Maxwell	141 MXS
SRA Rose Etienne	141 LS
A1C Jeremy Shute	256 CBCS
SSgt Michael Hart	141 SVF
Capt Kurt Tuininga	116 ARS
SSgt Stacy Rude	141 MSF
Lt Col Bruce Johnson	141 MDS

Retirements

December

TSgt Danny Spiller	141 AGS
MSgt Timothy Dillon	141 AGS
MSgt Terrance Krugel	560 Band
MSgt Joseph Kimball	141 SFS
CMSgt Patricia Wagner	141 SFS
CMSgt Richard Weatherly	116 ARS
SMSgt Bruce Robarge	141 AGS
TSgt Alan Rybacki	560 Band
CMSgt Robert Grimes	256 CBCS

January

SMSgt Robert Pike	141 MXS
MSgt Ken Blanchard	141 LS

February

TSgt Doublas Thompson	242 CBCS
MSgt Mark Bareither	141 MSF

Position changes

--Maj. Troy Watson assumed command of the Mission Support Flt.
 --Lt. Col. Ken Smith is now the commander of the 116 Air Refueling Squadron
 --Lt. Col. Roger Engelbertson is the 116th Squadron Operations Officer
 --Lt. Col. Bill Young is the Assistant Squadron Operations Officer
 --Maj. Mark Bahosh is the new Chief of Standards and Evaluations
 --Maj. Karen Azzinnaro has been appointed as the new wing IG.
 --Maj. Marc Jones is Chief of Training
 --Maj. Hal Westbrook is Chief of Plans



Photo by MSgt. Bob Thackston

If the Operations building doesn't quite look the same anymore and you're wondering what it is, well, it's missing the old chimney landmark that used to have the Ace of Spades on it. According to Maj Bob Aunan, 141 Civil Engineer, it simply just wasn't needed and it was taken down before it fell down on its own. Civilian contractors completed the teardown.

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Members of the 141st Air Refueling Wing stood in formation as the flag in front of the wing building was lowered to half staff on January 13, 2000, honoring the four aircrew members that died in the crash of the unit's KC-135 in Geilenkirchen, Germany, on this day a year ago.

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